



THE LORD IS MY  
**SHEPHERD;**  
I SHALL NOT WANT.  
**Psalm 23:1**

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**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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PRESERVICE PRAYER Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for the salvation which You have provided to a fallen world by sending your Son to suffer and die for us upon the cross. We rejoice in Your grace that in raising Jesus from the dead You have proclaimed Your satisfaction with the ransom price He paid, so that we have remission of sins and everlasting life. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ as our Risen and Everliving Lord may be strengthened unto eternal life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

**HYMN 23: Hallelujah! Let Praises Ring!**

1. Hallelujah! Let Praises ring! To God the Father let us bring  
Our songs of adoration. To Him thro' everlasting days  
Be worship, honor, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sustains creation.  
Singing, ringing, Holy, holy, God is holy, --  
Spread the story Of our God, the Lord of Glory.

2. Hallelujah! Let Praises ring! Unto the Lamb of God we sing,  
In whom we are elected. He bo't His Church with His own blood,  
He cleansed her in that blessed flood, And as His bride selected.  
Holy, holy Is our union and communion.  
His befriending Gives us joy and peace unending.

3. Hallelujah! Let Praises ring! Unto the Holy Ghost we sing  
For our regeneration. The saving faith in us He wrought  
And us unto the Bridegroom bro't, Made us His chosen nation.  
Glory! Glory! Joy eternal, Bliss supernal;  
There is manna And an endless, glad hosanna.

4. Hallelujah! Let Praises ring! Unto the Triune God we sing;  
Blest be His name forever! With angel hosts let us adore  
And sing His praises more and more For all His grace and favor!  
Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy, --  
Spread the story Of our God, the Lord of Glory.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God is light and Him is no darkness at all.

**C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness**

P: Together let us pray:

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 23

The Lord *is* my shepherd;

I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness

For His name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil;

For You *are* with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
My cup runs over.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
All the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever. (NKJV)

**THE GOSPEL LESSON:** John 10:22-30

Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter.

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch. <sup>24</sup> Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. <sup>26</sup> But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. <sup>28</sup> And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and My Father are one." (NKJV)

**THE APOSTLES CREED** (The Lutheran Hymnal p. 12)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**HYMN 783: Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep**

1. Jesus, Shepherd of the sheep, Who Your Father's flock does keep,  
Safe we wake and safe we sleep, Guarded still by You.

2. In Your promise firm we stand; None can take us from Your hand.  
Speak! We hear! At Your command, We will follow You.

3. By Your blood our souls were bought; By Your life salvation wrought;

By Your light our feet are taught, Lord, to follow You.

4. Father, draw us to Your Son; We with joy will follow on  
Till the work of grace is done, There to live with You.

5. We, in robes of glory dressed, Join th' assembly of the blest,  
Gathered to eternal rest In the fold with you.

**THE SERMON:** Revelation 7:9-17

Theme: The Lamb Who Shepherds Us

- I. The Lamb as the Bringer of Salvation
- II. . The Lamb Delivers His Church Safely into Eternal Life
- III. The Lamb Provides the Ultimate in Shepherd's Care

**SERMON TEXT:** Revelation 7:9-17

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup> All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying:

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom,  
Thanksgiving and honor and power and might,  
*Be* to our God forever and ever. Amen."

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"

<sup>14</sup> And I said to him, "Sir, you know."

So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. <sup>16</sup> They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; <sup>17</sup> for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (NKJV)

THE OFFERTORY: *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen*

**PRAYER: THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**The offering of thankful hearts will now be received.**

**HYMN 409: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

1. Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,  
Flee the world which would deceive us And to sin our souls allure.  
Ever in His footsteps treading, Body here yet soul above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding,  
Faithful Lord, abide with me; Savior, lead, I follow Thee.

2. Let us suffer here with Jesus, To His image e'er conform;  
Heaven's glory soon will please us, Sunshine follow on the storm.  
Tho' we sow in tears of sorrow, We shall reap in heavenly joy;  
And the fears that now annoy Shall be laughter on the morrow.  
Christ, I suffer here with Thee; There, oh, share Thy joy with me!

3. Let us also die with Jesus, His death from the second death,  
From our soul's destruction, frees us, Quickens us with life's glad breath.  
Let us mortify, while living, Flesh and blood and die to sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here I die to Thee There to live eternally.

4. Let us gladly live with Jesus; Since He's risen from the dead,  
Death and grave must soon release us. Jesus, Thou art now our Head,  
We are truly Thine own members; Where Thou livest, there live we.  
Take and own us constantly, Faithful Friend, as Thy dear brethren.  
Jesus, here I live to Thee, Also there eternally.

**BENEDICTION**

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN 51: Now, May He Who From the Dead**

1. Now may He who from the dead Bro't the Shepherd of the sheep,  
Jesus Christ, our King and Head, All our souls in safety keep!

2. May He teach us to fulfill What is pleasing in His sight,  
Perfect us in all His will, And preserve us day and night!

3. To that dear Redeemer's praise, Who the cov'nant sealed with blood.  
Let our hearts and voices raise Loud thanksgivings to our God.

## CALENDAR

**TODAY:** Sunday School and Bible class are scheduled to follow the service. Our Mother's Day Bible class will be a viewing of Dr. David Menton video "*Fearfully and Wonderfully Made,*" presenting the amazing truth and science of human life development in mothers. **Catechism class is scheduled to begin at 11:30.**

**SATURDAY:** **Spring Cleaning Day** at church from 9:00 - noon. With a good turnout we can accomplish a great deal. (Rain date is May 21.)

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and church council are scheduled to follow the service. A special voters' meeting **A special voters' meeting** will follow immediately after the service. Agenda limited to considering insurance report and roof repair on parsonage and church buildings, and funding of any necessary work Catechism class is scheduled for 11:30. Sermon text: Revelation 7:9-17.

## FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

**June 23-26:** CLC CONVENTION in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

**SEPTEMBER 25th:** St. Paul's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Observance.

**OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup>:** **Mission Festival** Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer to serve as guest speaker.

## SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: May 1 worship – 15 Sunday school --- 0 Bible Class - 12

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,312.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$900.00	Memorial: Lincoln Cole
Needed for Year:	\$23,616.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund \$50.00
Received for Year:	\$23,264.39	

Congregation Spring cleaning day **May 14** 9 a.m. to noon. (Rain date May 21<sup>st</sup>)

LAWN MOWING: May -- Mike Nelson

CLC NEWS: Pastor John Hein of Grace Lutheran, Fridley, MN, has received the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL.

**Concluding Activities at Immanuel:** Friday, May 20, will be the final day of classes at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary. In giving the LORD God glory for the various achievements by students and student groups, Class Day will be held at 3 pm. The band will play during this event. At 7:30 pm there will be a concert of sacred music sung by the Mass Choir and Tour Choir at Messiah Lutheran Church. On Saturday, May 21, there will be the concluding Graduation worship service at 10 am at the ILC Fieldhouse. We pray that the students will take what they have learned from the Word of God and treasure the Gospel by expressing their gratitude to the LORD Immanuel in their daily walk with Him.